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Office Action Summary

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Tilahun B. Gesesse

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 January 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE-US)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bodin et al (US 5,241,685) in view of Corbett (US 6,253,087).

Claims 1-2, Bodin teaches a dynamic traffic control method that controls traffic in a radio network system where a radio network controller causes a plurality of radio base stations to change radio outputs, (see abstract and figure 4, column 8, lines 31-64), in which traffic load dynamically controlled by the control network.

Bodin teaches a step of measuring a channel utilization rate of each of cells of the radio base stations every predetermined period (see column 8, lines 33-45 and flow chart of fig.8).

Bodin teaches a step of reducing the radio output of the first cell and increasing the radio output of a second cell adjacent to the first cell if the channel utilization rate of the first cell is predicted to reach the implementation level (see abstract and figure 4, column 8, lines 31-64).

Bodin teaches a step of controlling whether the channel utilization rate of a first cell of the cells reaches an implementation level, at which radio output control over the first cell is required, (see column 5, lines 24-46)

Bodin teaches in a next period based on a movement of the channel utilization rate in the past if the channel utilization rate of the first cell is at a warning level (see

column 5, lines 24-46 and figure 2).

Bodin does not expressly teach predicting cell load. However, Corbett, in similar art of endeavor, teaches "admission control is an adjustable parameter that can be set by the network provider on a frequency by frequency and /or cell-by-cell basis , --- network configuration, traffic patterns as ell as local terrain and RF conditions" (see column 4, lines 7-18) in which predicts cell by cell basis in order to determine the traffic pattern and load at any time in the future using exclusive drive test.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to predict and set traffic capacity in each cell, as taught by Corbett, in order to avoid miss calls and delay or drop of calls due to a base station carrying beyond its capacity.

Claims 3-4, Bodin teaches the radio outputs of the first cell and the second cell are changed by sending one instruction for each of the first cell and the second cell to the corresponding radio base stations from the radio network controller (see abstract and figure 4, column 8, lines 31-64)

Claims 5-6, Bodin teaches the radio outputs of the first cell and the second cell are gradually changed by sending a plurality of instructions for each of the first cell and the second cell to the corresponding radio base stations from the radio network controller (see abstract and figure 4, column 8, lines 31-64).

Claims 7-8, Bodin teaches a step of counting a number of areas included in each of the cells of the radio base stations every predetermined period and a step of changing the warning level or the implementation level according to the number of areas included in the corresponding cell (see figure 3a-3c and its description).

Claims 9-10, Bodin teaches the warning level or the implementation level is lowered if the number of the areas included in the corresponding cell is large (see figure 4 and its disclosure).

Claims 11-14, Bodin teaches a step of counting a number of areas included in each of the cells of the radio base stations every predetermined period and a step of applying weighting to the movement of the channel utilization rate in the past according to the number of areas included in the corresponding cell (see figure 3a-3c and its description).

Claim 15-18, Bodin does not expressly teach predicting cell load. However, Corbett, in similar art of endeavor, teaches "admission control is an adjustable parameter that can be set by the network provider on a frequency by frequency and /or cell-by-cell basis , --- network configuration, traffic patterns as ell as local terrain and RF conditions" (see column 4, lines 7-18) in which predicts cell by cell basis in order to determine the traffic pattern and load at any time in the future using exclusive drive test.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to predict and set traffic capacity in each cell, as taught by Corbett, in order to avoid miss calls and delay or drop of calls due to a base station carrying beyond its capacity.

Claim 19-20 , Bodin teaches a radio network controller device (MSC of figure 1) that controls traffic in a radio network system where a radio network controller causes a plurality of radio base stations to change radio outputs, (see abstract and figure 4, column 8, lines 31-64), in which traffic load dynamically controlled by the control network.

Bodin teaches a step of measuring a channel utilization rate of each of cells of the radio base stations every predetermined period (see column 8, lines 33-45 and flow chart of fig.8).

Bodin teaches a step of reducing the radio output of the first cell and increasing the radio output of a second cell adjacent to the first cell if the channel utilization rate of

the first cell is predicted to reach the implementation level (see abstract and figure 4, column 8, lines 31-64).

Bodin teaches a step of controlling whether the channel utilization rate of a first cell of the cells reaches an implementation level, at which radio output control over the first cell is required, (see column 5, lines 24-46)

Bodin teaches in a next period based on a movement of the channel utilization rate in the past if the channel utilization rate of the first cell is at a warning level (see column 5, lines 24-46 and figure 2).

Bodin does not expressly teach predicting cell load. However, Corbett, in similar, art of endeavor, teaches "admission control is an adjustable parameter that can be set by the network provider on a frequency by frequency and /or cell-by-cell basis, --- network configuration, traffic patterns as ell as local terrain and RF conditions" (see column 4, lines 7-18) in which predicts cell by cell basis in order to determine the traffic pattern and load at any time in the future using exclusive drive test.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to predict and set traffic capacity in each cell, as taught by Corbett, in order to avoid miss calls and delay or drop of calls due to a base station carrying beyond its capacity or overload.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tilahun B. Gesesse whose telephone number is 571-272-7879. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Anderson can be reached on 571-272-4177. The fax phone

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